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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In July, the American Surgical Association met in San Francisco and, considering the distance which most of the members had to travel, the attendance was excellent. In another portion of the JOURNAL will be found an abstract report of the sessions. One feature of the papers presented is to be highly commended for the consideration of our own members who may wish to present subjects, a complete treatment of which would be necessarily long. We refer to the careful preparation of a full abstract or digest of the paper, this abstract to be read at the time of the meeting and the paper in full reserved for future publication. The usual time allotted to each author is 15 minutes, and this is certainly sufficient; if the whole paper cannot be read within that time, then the author should write a digest, giving the meat of his argument, which may be read at the meeting. No matter how interesting the subject may be, the time limit should be enforced.

It will be impossible to give anything like a report of the Portland meeting of the American Medical Association in our **THE A. M. A. JOURNAL**, but some of the more **MEETING** important points may be briefly touched upon, leaving further details for future issues. The registration was very good; quite as large as could have been expected, reaching something over 1,700. The Oregon physicians had done their very best to make the meeting a successful one, and their best was very good. In the matter of entertainments provided, no words but those of praise can be spoken. To invite the whole Association to

a trip up the Columbia river, was no small undertaking, and its successful carrying out reflects great credit upon those who had the matter in charge. The section programs, while possibly not as lengthy as at some previous meetings, were very good indeed. Dr. Herbert C. Moffitt, of San Francisco, was elected Chairman of the section on Medicine.

At the next meeting of the Association, which is to be held in Boston, Dr. Wm. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., will be installed as **NEW OFFICERS OF THE A. M. A.** The Vice-Presidents elected are, respectively, Drs. Walter Wyman, Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, Eugene Talbot and Edward S. Martin. Dr. George H. Simmons was re-elected Secretary and Dr. Frank Billings Treasurer. The retiring Trustees, Drs. E. E. Montgomery, H. A. L. Johnson and A. L. Wright, were elected to succeed themselves. The Oration on Medicine will be delivered by Dr. F. B. Shattuck, on Surgery by Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, and on State Medicine by Dr. Wm. H. Sanders. Almost without exception, the elections were unanimous, and not for many years have the officers of the Association been chosen with such absolute unanimity and good feeling. If one should try to express the general tone of the House of Delegates throughout the session in one word, probably "harmony" would express it better than any other.

The nostrum evil and the advertising of nostrums in the *Journal A. M. A.* received considerable attention not only by the House of Delegates but also in the section on Medicine. The first **NO STRUM QUESTION.** gun was fired on the afternoon of Monday, when the Missouri delegation presented resolutions from their state Association calling for betterment in the *Journal's* advertising pages. This was followed by a resolution introduced by Dr. Jones, of California, to the effect that the Trustees be instructed to abide by the rule which they announced in 1895 and in 1900, requiring formulæ with all advertisements of remedial mixtures. On Tuesday, Dr. Frank Billings read a very valuable paper before the section on Medicine, on the subject of nostrums, and in the discussion which followed, and which is reported to have been very free and frank, much credit was given to your Society and to your JOURNAL for the energetic campaign waged during the past year or more. The section then prepared and adopted resolutions similar to those referred to, and at the afternoon session of the House of Delegates they were presented by the delegate from the section. All these resolutions, together with the recommendation in the President's address, were referred to a special committee of which Dr. Frank Billings was chairman. One of your delegates, Dr. Jones, was requested to attend the meeting of this reference committee,